

# KanCare Advisor

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## From Shawn Sullivan, *Secretary, KDADS*

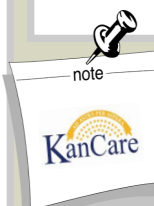
The inclusion of the Intellectual and Developmentally Disabled (I/DD) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) program into KanCare has been one of the most hotly contested topics of the last two legislative sessions. I am pleased that the I/DD HCBS program will be moved into KanCare next January and look forward to working for the good of the 8,000 Kansans served to improve the quality of care and services provided.

The State has made a concentrated effort to ensure that robust protections are in place for the transition of these services into KanCare. Our first priority is laying the groundwork needed to create a smooth transition to the new system. As some of you may know, a I/DD Pilot committee has been working diligently since September of 2012 to build a wholly unique person-centered system for Kansans with I/DD. Made up of Community Developmental Disability Organizations (CDDOs) and service providers, the Pilot committee's commitment and dedication of time is a testament to the character of people that provide care to this inspiring group of individuals.

In addition to the Pilot, a legislative proviso added to this year's budget bill will make law the promises of the Administration to protect current I/DD services. This includes allowing all individuals to retain their targeted case manager, and ensuring that the statutory role of the CDDOs remain in place. Both the protections of law and the focused effort of the Pilot committee have been invaluable steps towards a smooth transition, however, the end goal could not be reached without the Kansans who have volunteered to participate in the Pilot. Each one of these individuals has the opportunity to bring real-life experience to the table throughout the Pilot, and from their feedback the State, the Pilot committee, and the MCOs can adapt as necessary.

Collaboration is our greatest strength in this effort and I am so thankful for all of those who have been actively

involved. I encourage every individual and provider involved in the Pilot to offer their feedback as we continue to work towards the goal of complete integration and coordination of I/DD HCBS services with behavioral and physical health services. Together we can make this a system that protects the services currently in place and at the same time bridges existing gaps.



## Post Award Forum—June 25

**The State of Kansas invites the public to a meeting in Topeka to provide comments on the progress of the KanCare "Section 1115" demonstration project. This post-award forum has been scheduled for the first hour of the meeting, on Tuesday, June 25, at 2:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall Auditorium, at 120 SW 10th Avenue in Topeka, Kansas. The forum is being held with the next meeting of the KanCare Advisory Council. Interested individuals can learn about the progress of KanCare and how the State and three managed care companies are operating in accordance with the special terms and conditions of the "Section 1115" waiver granted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. The state will draft a summary of the comments made during the forum and include the summary in the KanCare quarterly and annual reports. For more information, please email [KanCare@kdheks.gov](mailto:KanCare@kdheks.gov) or call (785) 296-3982.**

## Community Outreach & Education:

KanCare community outreach and education have been a staple in ensuring that concerns are addressed and resolved as quickly as possible. Here's a look at consumer and provider meetings "by the numbers" as published in the KanCare Quarterly Report Jan-Mar 2013:

Consumer Meetings	12
Provider Meetings	6
Nursing Facility Meetings	6

In addition to these formal educational tours, State staff have also worked in the first quarter to respond to specific meeting requests from the following stakeholder groups:

- Stormont Vail Social Workers
- Haskell Health Clinic
- Early Childhood Collaborative Organization
- Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Members
  - Families Together
  - Leading Age Kansas
- Kansas Healthcare Association
- Kansas Adult Care Executives
- Kansas Advocates for Better Care

- Douglas County Council on Aging
- Kansas Hospital Association
- Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved
- Association of Community Mental Health Centers
  - Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities
  - Kansas Association of Addictions Professionals
- Community Developmental Disability Organizations
  - Financial Management Service Providers

If you would like more information about upcoming educational tours, or you would like to schedule a meeting for your group/organization, please send an email to: [rmullinix@kdheks.gov](mailto:rmullinix@kdheks.gov)

### I/DD Pilot Educational Tour

The week of June 10, state officials and the three managed care organizations provided I/DD Pilot educational sessions to Pilot providers and participants.

I/DD is the acronym for intellectually and developmentally disabled population in KanCare. Medical services are already being provided to the I/DD population, while long-term services and supports waivers will be phased in starting Jan. 1, 2014

The educational tour was a four-day event that took place in Garden City, Arkansas City, Parsons, and Lawrence.

A special thank-you to the tour's hosts: Mark Hinde of Southwest Developmental Services, Inc.; Linda Misasi of Creative Community Living; Cliff Sperry of SE Kansas CDDO; Tim Cunningham of Tri-Valley; Jill Baker of Cottonwood, Inc.; and Jamie Price of Community Living Opportunities.

### 1st Quarter Report to CMS

Annually and each quarter, Kansas submits progress reports to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to present the State's analysis and status of operations under the KanCare Section 1115 demonstration. Elements of these reports are defined in the Special Terms and Conditions for KanCare. The reports are due 60 days after the end of each quarter and will be posted on the website after submission.

[Report for Quarter Ending March 31, 2013](#)

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